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SUBJ: GOI AIR DEFENSE -- ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. AT REQUEST OF VMOW GENERAL TOUFANIAN, POL-MIL COUNS CALLED ON HIM JULY 6. TOUFANIAN BEGAN BY SAYING THAT HE WAS HEARING REPORTS THAT GOI HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES TO AWACS WITH RESPECT TO GOI AIR DEFENSE NEEDS; SPECIFICALLY, THAT GRUMMAN E-2C FELL IN THIS CATEGORY, AND THAT GOI HAD NOT CONSIDERED IT. TOUFANIAN SAID HIS PURPOSE IN CALLING POL-MIL COUNS IN WAS TO CORRECT THE RECORD IN THAT REGARD.

2. TOUFANIAN SAID THAT IN OCTOBER, 1974 HE VISITED GRUMMAN HEADQUARTERS AT BETHPAGE, LONG ISLAND AND WAS GIVEN FULL AND DETAILED BRIEFING ON E-2C, INCLUDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND GO THROUGH THE AIRCRAFT. UPON HIS RETURN TO IRAN TOUFANIAN PROVIDED THE SHAH WITH A FULL REPORT ON THE E-2C, INCLUDING ALL THE PAMPHLETS, BROCHURES AND BRIEFING MATERIALS THAT GRUMMAN HAD SUPPLIED HIM.
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2. ON A LATER OCCASION (SEPTEMBER, 1975) WHEN TOUFANIAN WAS ON ANOTHER TRIP TO THE US HE AND HIS PARTY WERE PROVIDED A FURTHER FULL BRIEFING AND PRESENTATION ON THE E-2C BY GRUMMAN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE VIP LOUNGE AT NATIONAL AIRPORT IN WASHINGTON. AGAIN, UPON HIS RETURN, TOUFANIAN BRIEFED THE SHAH

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IN EQUAL DETAIL. TOUFANIAN ADDED THAT THE VMOW STILL HAD ALL THE DOCUMENTATION THAT GRUMMAN HAD SUPPLIED TO IT ON THE E-2C.

3. TOUFANIAN FURTHER STATED THAT WHEN ISRAEL DECIDED TO ACQUIRE THE E-2C IRAN REVIEWED THAT ALTERNATIVE YET AGAIN. AS IN THE PAST, THE SHAH'S DECISION ON THIS OCCASION WAS NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO IRAN'S SEEKING THE E-2C.

4. TOUFANIAN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE LOCAL GRUMMAN REPRESENTATIVE AND HAD FLATLY TOLD HIM THAT THE STORIES HE (TOUFANIAN) WAS HEARING ABOUT IRAN AND THE E-2C WERE TOTALLY INACCURATE. TOUFANIAN SAID HE TOLD THE GRUMMAN REP THAT SPREADING TUCH TALES WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO DOING FUTURE BUSINESS WITH THE GOI.

5. TOUFANIAN CONCLUDED BY RESTATING THAT HE WISHED THE EMBASSY TO REPORT HIS COMMENTS IN ORDER TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.
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